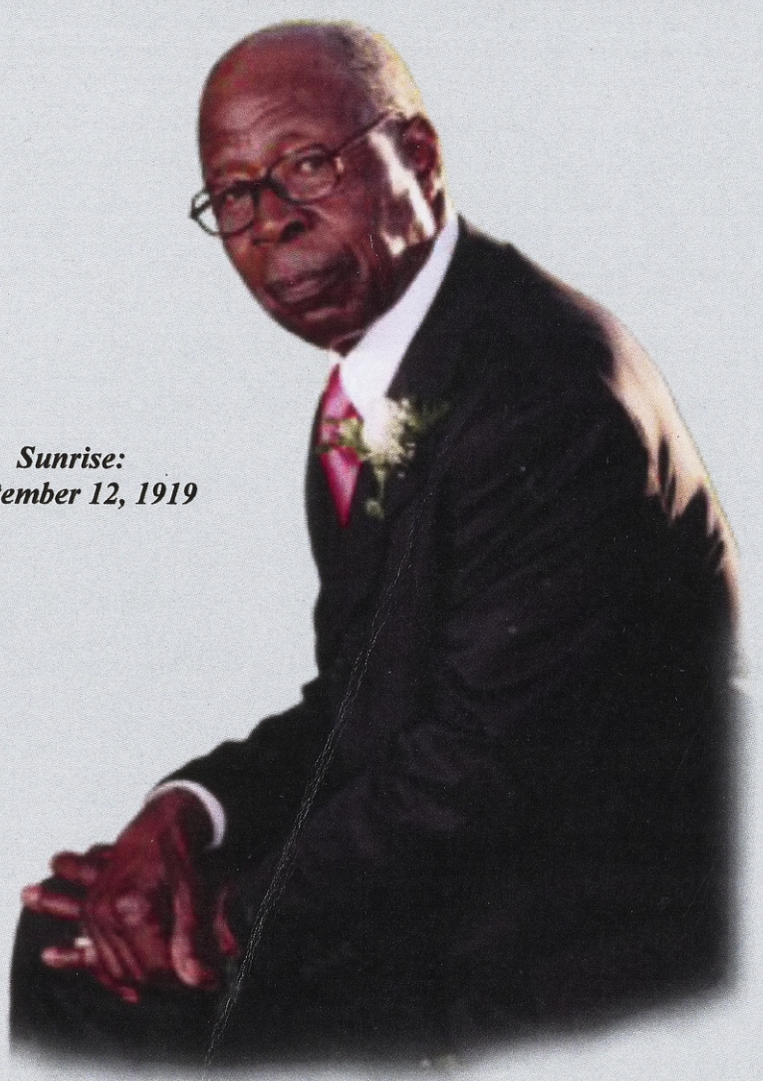
Home Going Celebration

For

Deacon Rufus Robinson



Sunrise:
September 12, 1919

Sunset:
March 3, 2011

Favorite Scripture: Psalms 121:1
Favorite Song: "I Don't Know What I Would Do Without The Lord"

Service Held
Friday, March 11, 2011 • 11:00 A.M.
McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
1443 Filbert Street • Richmond, California
Officiating
Senior Administrative Assistant John A. Jennings, Pastor

Remembering

Rufus Robinson was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 12, 1919 to his parents Ellis and Caldonia Robinson. He was raised and received his formal education in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He had nine siblings which included six brothers and three sisters.

In 1938, Rufus Robinson met and married Comilla Penn and to this union seven children were born. They also raised one niece whom they loved dearly as a daughter. In the early 1940's, Rufus and his family moved to California. Rufus and Comilla were married for 52 years until God called her home.

Rufus Robinson served his country in the United States Army. He served in World War II and held the rank of Technician 5th Grade. Rufus was a member of the 594th Field Artillery Battalion and received a WWII Victory Medal for his service. He was honorably discharged on November 1, 1946.

After returning home from serving the U.S. Army, Rufus accepted Christ as his personal Savior and became a member of the historic McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ in Richmond, California where he served faithfully for over 60 years until the Lord called him home.

Rufus Robinson served his church well working diligently under Bishop G. W. McGlothen, Bishop Clarence Davis and Elder John A. Jennings. He served as President of the Young People Willing Workers (Y.P.W.W.), Chairman of the Deacon and Trustee Board, President of the Usher Board, Church Administrator and Custodian. Deacon Robinson was the first to arrive to the church to prepare the sanctuary for service and the last to leave.

Not only was Deacon Robinson loyal and faithful to his local church, he also served in the district and state. In the Greater Richmond District, Deacon Robinson served as an Usher and Treasurer. In the California Northwest Jurisdiction, Deacon Robinson served as a member of the State Usher Board in the capacity of Vice President, Treasurer and Instructor. He was one of the original members of the California Northwest State Usher Board.

Rufus Robinson was in the trucking business for many years. He started his own trucking business as "Robinson Trucking" and later renamed it "Rufus Robinson Recycling" where he was the sole proprietor for over 50 years. During this time, he also worked for Lambrecht Building Materials as a truck driver. He employed many people throughout the years, including his family members.

In 1992, Rufus found love again and married Kelsey Malloy and became the stepfather to three children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis and Caldonia Robinson, his siblings, John L., Willie, Ellis, L.D., Vernon, Herman, Mattie and Lois; and his son, Joseph Robinson.

On February 24, 2011, he told his grandson Richard Foster "I just got back from viewing the city". A week later on March 3, 2011, Rufus quietly went to be with the Lord in that city.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife of 18 years, Kelsey Robinson, one sister, Cleo Pierce of Los Angeles, CA; three sons, Corneilus Robinson of Napa, CA; Gregory Robinson (Josephine) of Fontana, CA; David Robinson (Novena) of Antioch, CA; four daughters, Verdia Clayton of Fresno, CA; Carmen Robinson of Richmond, CA; Charline Price (Michael) of Vallejo, CA; Jacqueline Douglas (Marvis) of Fairfield, CA; three stepchildren, Damion Edgerson of San Francisco, CA; Kara Edgerson of Pittsburg, CA; and Kierre Malloy of Vallejo, CA; 39 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, other relatives and friends.

Deacon Robinson has left an indelible mark in our memories and will be greatly missed by his family, the officers and members of McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ, the Greater Richmond District, the California Northwest Jurisdiction and the Church of God in Christ as a whole.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighted in his way.
Psalms 37:23

Mr. Rufus Robinson
Man Of Wisdom

Deacon, Dad, Usher, Saint,

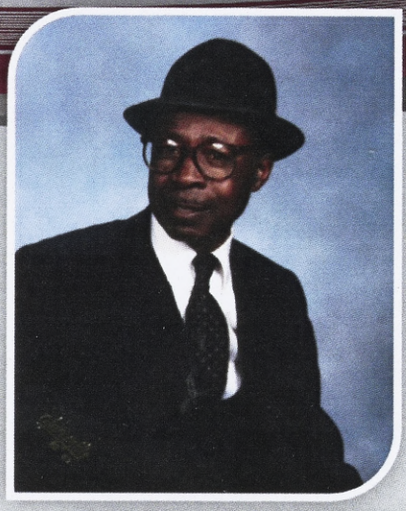
Teacher, Trucker, Husband,

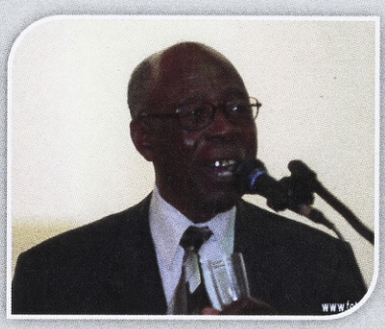
Service Man, Brother, Friend

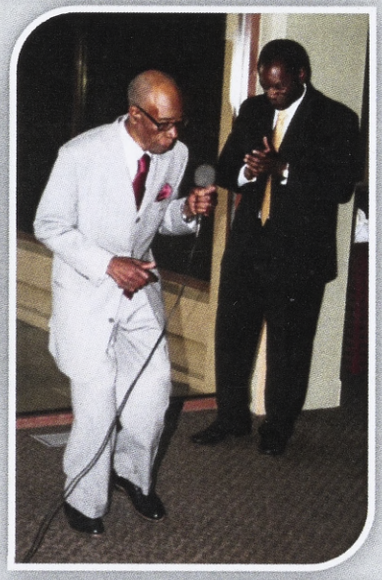
Mentor, Father, Big Daddy, Daddy

"Deac" "Bic"

Rob, Servant



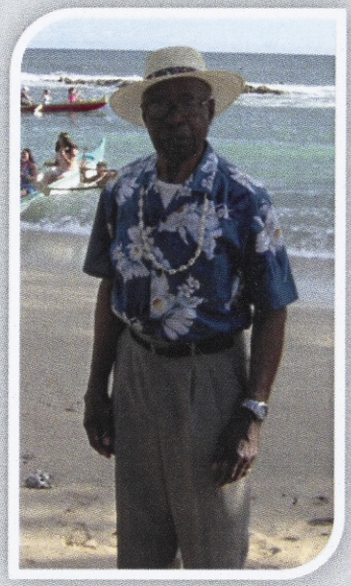




"My Husband"

My years with you were and "Oasis:". I was sheltered by your love from the storms of life. I will never forget our years together. I will never forget you.

Love Kelsey



March 3, 2011 has been one of the longest days of my life. My step-father passed away at 1:00 a.m. this morning. I am honored to be called his daughter. What a great man. We will miss you Deacon Rufus Robinson. Thank you for all your love and guidance. Till we meet again. I love you Deac!

Kierre Malloy

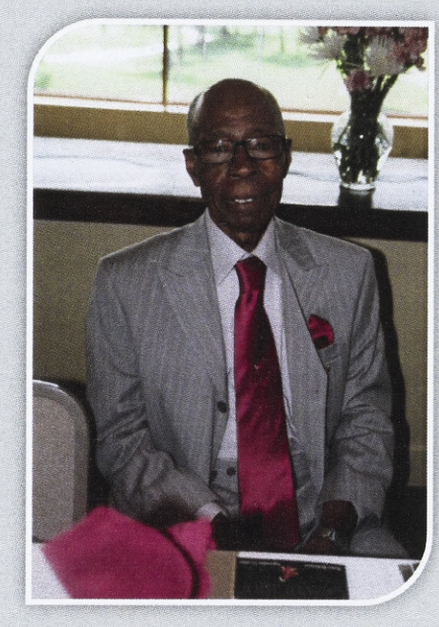
Our Father

Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise:)

Daddy there isn't a man on earth that we honor more than you!

We were privileged to have a wonderful father throughout our lives. He was a man of honor, integrity and strength. A man that loved God and his family, and trained us all in the way that we should go. We love you daddy and will forever honor you!

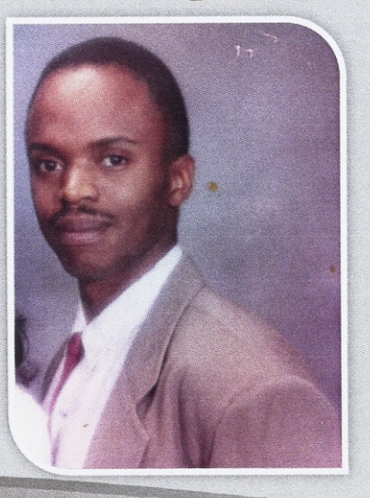
Cornelius, Verdia, Gregory, David, Carmen, Charline and Jacqueline



Our Grandfather
(Big Daddy)

To us, you will always be our "Big Daddy". You looked after us, cheered us on and encouraged us to live a life pleasing to God. You are the true definition of strength, wisdom and honor. A man of your word. You made us so proud to be a "Robinson" because of what you stood for. Thank you for making us all feel special and loved.

-Grandchildren-



The Order Of Home Going Celebration

Call To Worship	
Master Of Ceremonies	Elder Samuel Butler
Processional	
Pastor John A. Jennings	
Elders	
Pallbearers	
The Family	
Prayer of Comfort	Elder Philip Hollins
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Elder Albert Featherstone
New Testament	Elder Stephen Hodge
Musical Selection	Male Chorus
Reflections	
McGlothen Temple Usher Boards	Sister Manuela Evans
McGlothen Temple Administrative Staff	Miss'y Brenda Shephard
McGlothen Temple Women's Dept.	Mother Victoria Williams
McGlothen Temple Men's Dept.	Deacon Richard Fisher
Greater Richmond District	Evang. Martha B. Hall
Solo "Special Request By Sister Kelsey Robinson"	Ms. Adrianna Douglas
Tribute CNW State Usher Board	Miss'y D. Jones, President
Selection	Choir
Special Expression	
Representing Elders and Ministers	Elder Ronald Huey
Center Of Hope Community Church	Bishop Dr. E. C. Rheems
Joy Of Life Christian Cathedral, Las Vegas, Nevada	Bishop Curtis Timmons
California North East Jurisdictional Prelate	Bishop J. C. Jenkins
Cards and Condolences	Miss'y Kathy Hollins
Obituary Reading	Miss'y Kathy Hollins
Resolutions	
McGlothen Temple COGIC	Miss'y Brenda Shephard
Greater Richmond District	Miss'y Emma J. Clark
Sermonic Solo	Miss'y Sheryl Butler
Eulogy	Sr. Administrative Asst. Pastor John A. Jennings Fuller Funeral Home
Parting View	
Recessional	

Pallbearers

Brother Dominic Carzoli
Brother Fredrick Shephard
Deacon Verdell Evans
Brother Joseph Thomas
Deacon Jeffrey LeGree
Deacon John Walker

Honorary Pallbearers

Cornell Robinson
Justin Douglas
Aaron Robinson
Dana Jones
Marvis Douglas, Jr.
Brandon Robinson
Joseph Robinson, Jr.
Darius Douglas
Jarach Price
David Robinson
Marcus Robinson
Jarvis Douglas
Rodney Smith
Eric Robinson

McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ Usher Board
California Northwest Jurisdiction State Usher Board

Acknowledgement

The family of Deacon Rufus Robinson wishes to express a very warm and heartfelt thank you.
There are no adequate words to express our gratitude for the numerous acts of kindness that were bestowed upon us during Deacon Robinson's illness and homegoing.
We humbly request that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we enter a new phase in life with out our most precious loved one.
God Bless Each of You.
The Family of Deacon Rufus Robinson

Special Thanks

To everyone who blessed us and to the Angels that stood by my side and held me up,
"The Angel Lady" Jacqueline Douglas,
Kierre Malloy and Pastor Samuel Butler.
Thank you.
Love, Kelsey

Repast

McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
Dining Hall

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

Fuller Funeral Home
3100 Cutting Blvd. •Richmond, California

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive •Richmond, California

Programs by: Divine Glory @ (510) 932-3840